

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): J. TANAKA, et al  
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For: DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS FOR SEMICONDUCTOR  
PROCESSING APPARATUS  
Group: 1763  
Examiner: P. Hassanzadeh

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendment of the Specification;  
Amendment of the Claims; and  
Remarks are included following the amendments.